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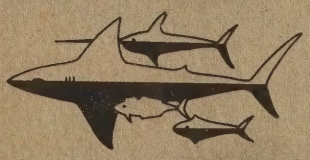

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News Releases

200 Mile Limit Bills Advance in House & Senate Committees

On July 21, the Subcommittee on Fisheries of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee approved and sent to the full committee HR 200, the Studds-Magnuson 200 mile fisheries zone bill. Approval by the full committee is expected in about two weeks and the bill should come up for a vote in the House of Representatives shortly after the August recess. Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington plans to bring his Senate version of the legislation, S 961, to the floor at the same time.

The Studds-Magnuson bills would establish a 200 mile fisheries zone Beginning July 1, 1976. Fisheries management plans to prevent further depletion of fish stocks would be designed by seven fisheries councils representing states and the commercial and recreational fishing industries.

While substantial majorities in favor of this legislation are expected in both Houses, there is still the possibility of a presidential veto. The State Department, which has been opposed to unilateral action, promised to re-evaluate their position in view of the failure of this years Law of the Sea Conference to come up with an internationally approved treaty. However, at this point, no one is sure of how they will react to passage of Studds—Magnuson.

Those interested in preservation of America's marine resources should write to their congressman, senators and President Ford, urging them to back the Studds—Magnuson legislation. Concerned citizens have been trying to bring this critical situation to the public's attention for years. Now that success is within sight it's even more important to make sure that your public servants know where you stand.

Background information about the proposed 200 mile limit and instructions for writing to congressmen are available in the Emergency Committe To Save America's Marine Resources latest newsletter. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to ECSAMER 110 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632.

FLASH

Latest word from Congressman Norman Lent's office indicates that the Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee will "mark-up" HR 200 at an open meeting in Washington, D.C. on July 29.

For additional information contact Allan J. Ristori, Chairman, ECSAMAR, 110 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632, Phone (201) 569-9511.

Clips are always appreciated!

Chum Lines

Will Ferrule Hurt Rod?

I have recently purchased a Fenwick 14' Surf Spinning Blank, but it's extreme length has its transportation problems. If I equip this blank, when finished, with a metal-to-metal ferrule will its casting and fish-fighting capabilities and/or strength be reduced or hurt in any way? **John Toro, Hicksville N.Y.**

Putting a Ferrule in a blank will not hurt it's strength or fish fighting ability at all. At least it is so negligible that it is almost non-existant.

The best place to cut the blank, for transportation purposes, is right in the middle. If you have some doubts about the fish fighting ability, It's said the closer to the butt the ferrule is placed the better, lets say 9' tip and 5' butt.

Applause for Editorial

Just a note to applaud your editorial in the July 10th issue regarding a sensible approach to shark fishing. It was a well thought-out and judiciously written position piece that needed writing for some time.

Your coverage demonstrated complete understanding of what makes shark fishermen tick and you offered a sound solution.

We agree with you on all counts.

Just some additional ammunition, for what it's worth.

Squadron Anglers ran an intra-club shark contest in June with heavy emphasis on tag-and-release. Specifically, an Angler could keep a fish if he wanted to but scored no more than if he tagged and released it. Scoring was done on a per fish basis 1 point per shark 2 points for a mako.

The contest was a success and I believe that those who participated got a lot of satisfaction out of the release aspect. They kept what meat they could use and whatever trophies they desired, yet avoided the days end carnage at the dock. Also, they know that they, at least in a small way, helped Mr. Casey in his on going study of this magnificent creature.

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Keep up the good work and stay a leader in your field. *Squadron Anglers Fred Dombo.*

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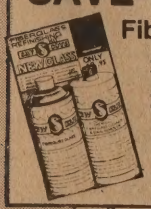

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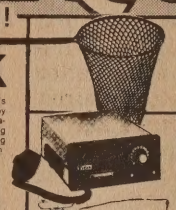

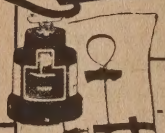

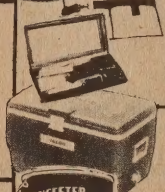

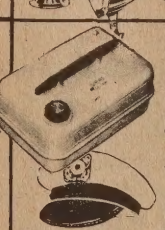

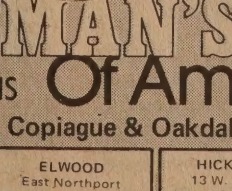

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CLUB NEWS

Huntington Anglers Club

The Striped Bass Derby which was held this past weekend from Friday 6:00 P.M. until Sunday at 9:00 A.M. between the Huntington Anglers Club and the Mill River Rod and Gun Club of Bayville was a clean sweep for the Mill River Rod and Gun Club.

1st Prize went to Bob Bugliarelli with a 30 lb. 12 oz. Bass. 2nd Prize went to Tom Wilenski with a 28 lb. 1 oz. Bass while 3rd prize went to Bill Wilenski with a 24 lb. 13 oz. Bass.

Fish caught in the Marshall Field area were on bunker chunks. The Huntington Anglers did not weigh a fish which had to be at least 10 lbs.

Membership Drive

The Great South Bay Waterfowlers is continuing its membership drive. The next general membership meeting is on September 8, 1975 at the Old Heidelberg, Highway 27 in Brightwaters NY at 8:30 P.M. Several films will be shown and plans for the 1976 US National Decoy Show to be held March 27-28, 1976 will be discussed.

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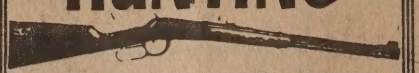


Hunter Safety Course

I know we all have fish and fishing on our minds today and your newspaper is for fishermen, some of us hunt and hunting season is just around the corner.

I am a Hunter Safety Training instructor and have set up the following program. This year the class time has been increased to six hours.

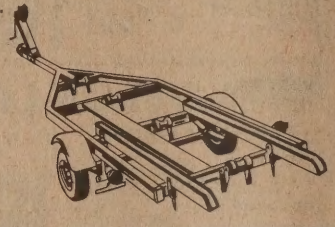
On Wednesday afternoon from 1-4 p.m.. First class will be on August 13 and 20. 2nd Class on Wednesday afternoon will be from 1-4 p.m. on September 3rd and 10th. Both of these classes will be held at the Nassau County Range in East Meadow. The 3rd Class will be on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. October 4th and the 11th. This class will be held at the Merrick Library in Merrick.

For further information contact Jack Noroian at 8 York Place in Merrick, New York 11566.

BOATING

Boating Skills Course

Flotilla 13-6 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of Freeport, NY will begin an accelerated 12 lesson Seamanship Course on boating skills beginning Tuesday August 12, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. at the New Long Creek Marina at the south end of So. Grove Street in Freeport. The course will be given by qualified instructors, and will feature all aspects of boat handling. It will be held on six consecutive Tuesday evenings and it is open to the general public. It is a FREE registration course with a nominal charge for books and work material. For early registration or additional information telephone (516) 378-3417 at the Marina.



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The Tuna That Got Away Clam Bakes, Etc.

Some may recall that in the issue of the Long Island Fisherman published on July the 30th I gave the recipe for Tuna Provencal and also how to prepare tuna for salads. Not having eaten any fresh tuna since last year I was truly looking forward to once again enjoying its lovely flavor. Not having descended to that lowly plane of buying fish from a fish store for many a year, I was overjoyed when my friend John D. O'Brien, M.D. of Bay Shore invited me to accompany him and two of his sons, David aged 12 and Jimmy aged 8, aboard his cruiser the Night Hawk for a day's troll out of Fire Island Inlet. Objective number one—TUNA. The day was July 31st.

We set out our lures and hooks baited with baloas (bally-hoos) and squid from the outriggers and when we were in 100 to 115 feet of water we got out first triple hits. One threw the hook but the other two successfully hooked two blues in the 10 and 12 pound range. Dave who intends to be a marine biologist when he "grows up" and his brother Jimmy handled their fish like veterans. During the day we got more blues and 1 bonito but no tuna. Finally, the last crack of the gong, my rod bent over and the line sang through the guides and I was "in". This was no blue; it had strong shoulders. Finally, I got him within 20 feet of the boat where he stayed and stayed. Couldn't budge him nearer. Then, the hook pulled out! Now I have to wait till the next time when I get to go offshore. (Incidentally, you might be interested in reading my article "Giants of Ipswich" appearing in the August issue of the Salt Water Sportsman—about tuna, of course.)

In the last couple of weeks I received two interesting letters which posed some questions I find myself at a loss to answer. Perhaps one of my readers may be able to help. The first was from Herb Buch of Brooklyn, who writes: "I would like to share some information and at the same time request more on the same subject. My family has eaten and enjoyed the livers of flounders, striped bass, fluke and weakfish. We have also enjoyed the roe and milt from flounders and the roe of mackerel, herring and shad. We have it on good authority that the liver and roe of blowfish should be avoided. The liver of pollack was so oily that we could not enjoy it. We would appreciate any more information on the edibility of livers, roe or milt of any fish other than the ones we have tried." Can any of my readers help Mr. Buch?

The second letter comes from Mathias C. Seibert of New Hyde Park, NY. He writes, "Somewhere, sometime, I have heard of a way of making anchovies from snappers (I believe that they are baby blues). If you know of this recipe would you please forward it to me?"

Using only my imagination in answering his question I suggest that he ask the company which produces and sells canned anchovies how they do the job. Probably the tiny fish are eviscerated and packed into cans along with some salt. When the cans are sealed they are subjected to super heated steam for a considerable time which, of course, will soften the bones. Perhaps the same result can be achieved in a steam pressure cooker. Of course, no one can "make" a snapper into an anchovy but it might be possible to process it so that the flavor might be comparable.

CLAM BAKES

When I was a boy one of my best friends invited me to spend several summers with him at his parent's estate on the North Shore of Long Island. The beach on the Sound did not consist of sand as we have it on the South Shore. There, the beach is composed of rounded rocks, small and large. Every so often during the summer, they would give a large clam bake party for their friends and relatives. The job of preparing for the "bake" fell on the shoulders of "Laddy" and myself.

First, we'd have to dig a hole in the rocks measuring about six feet in diameter. The depth of the hole was about one and a half feet. The actual "digging" was performed by simply removing lots of stones. Then we would line the hole with flat stones on which we would pile heaps of drift wood. Hours before the event we would start the fire and keep it blazing until just before the party was to commence. Then too, while the fire was going we would scout around and amass a great heap of wet sea weed. Our job was done!

Now, all the hot coals and ashes were removed from the hole leaving only the red-hot stones. Heaps of sea weed was then placed in the hole on top of which lobsters weighing about 1½ pounds each, properly cleaned and split were placed. Then, more sea weed; then, a layer of fresh shrimp in their shells; then, more sea weed. The third layer would be soft shell clams and more sea weed. Oh yes! Almost forgot to include the dozens of ears of shucked corn. And I do believe there was an added layer of chicken parts. After the final layer of sea week, a tremendous tarpaulin of canvas was placed and the cooking lasted perhaps for an hour or so. Served with lots of melted butter, salt and pepper, the event was a real shebang and remembered to this day.

Another, much simpler way to prepare a clam bake in one's own home is the following recipe: (to serve 4 adults)

4 Whole Lobsters (Fresh, uncooked, 1½ to 2 pounds each.)
1 to 1½ dozen fresh shrimp in shell
Lots of butter
4-8 pieces of King Crab
4 ears of corn
celery
lettuce leaves

First, on a lettuce leaf, place split whole lobster. Between lobster halves place shrimp, King crab, corn and celery. Cover with additional lettuce leaves. Place whole kit and caboodle in a #10 or #12 brown paper bag which you tie securely with a string. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes in a 400 degree oven. Imagine you're at the sea shore and dig in! It's wonderful!

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Wind & Weather

The astute skipper will do more than merely listen to weather reports. He will develop a good "weather eye" in order that his observations of local weather occurences do not escape his attention. A violent squall may develop over a small area while the rest of the surrounding vicinity is enjoying fine weather. There is no substitute for on-the-scene observations of cloud formations, sudden wind changes, barometric fluctuations, temperature drops and the like, in keeping track of what the weather is doing or is about to do in your area. To become competent to interpret weather signs, one must first have some grounding in some of the fundamentals of meteorology.

You can visualize the earth's atmosphere as a vast "ocean" of air in constant motion; air masses which differ in characteristics—hot, cold, dry, humid—are in continual conflict,causing our ever-changing weather patterns. Air masses generally move from west to east in the northern hemisphere, so that whatever weather the midwest is enjoying (or suffering) will usually reach our area in a day or so. It is the constant flow of west ot east winds aloft, known as the jet stream, which speeds these air masses on their way.

Fair weather systems are characterized by dense, high pressure air, and a clockwise or anti-cyclonic circulation; they are known as "highs." Storm systems, on the other hand, have lighter, low pressure air and counter-clockwise or cyclonic circulations. These are, logically enough, called "lows." The amount and duration of wind and precipitation associated with low pressure systems is contingent upon the intensity and size of the low; the length of time a given area is under the influence of one is largely dependent on the speed of its passage.

Aside from storm systems, there are other weather disturbances which produce precipitation and winds; fronts and convectional activity. A front is the dividing line between two masses of varying characterisics; a cool, dry high and one which is composed of warmer, more humid air, for example. A warm front, though it usually produces a more gradual, less violent disturbance than a cold front, may produce more protracted precipation, due to its relatively slow passage.

When warm air advances and displaces cooler, denser air, the edge will ride up over the heavier cool air well in advance of the front; it may proceed the front's ground level dividing line by 600 miles or more. The first warning of its approach is a thickening of the feathery, tufted high-level **cirrus clouds**, followed by a semi-overcast of fibrous **cirrostratus** cloud cover. Thick **altostratus**, a middle-layer cloud, then completely overspreads the sky, blotting out the sun. Low level **nimbostratus** clouds dominate the scene with precipation till the front is past.

The rain-shield of a warm front may extent 200 miles and more, and they are notoriously slow in passing. Gradual clearing and a slow rise in ambient air temperature indicates that the front has indeed passed.

When a cold front advances into a warm air mass, the change is far more abrupt, often violently so. As the colder air rapidly displaces the warmer, more moist air mass, banded altocumlus clouds give the first visual warning, often less than 200 miles in advance of the front. Towering cumulonimbus (thunderheads) above thick **nimbostratus** characterize the actual leading edge of the front, and scattered, broken **altostratus** clouds connote its passage.

The rain shield may be 50 miles or less and, though the front generally passes quickly, the turbulence and heavy rain it produces are something to behold, particularly when it divides air of widely different temperatures. Clearing is rapid and characterized by a strong wind shift and sudden drop in temperature.

Convectional disturbances are the third type of weather-makers we will examine here. They are sudden, violent and often all but unpredictable —they bear no relationship to frontal systems. On hot, clear summer afternoons, the billowy, white cumulous clouds may rapidly assume towering heights as super-heated air builds strong upward convectional currents in the heretofore serene atmosphere. Thunder, lightening, very strong winds and drenching rain develop with frightening rapidity as the peaceful cumulus clouds become cumulonimbus (thunderheads) of towering height; often reaching 70,000 feet or more into the upper atmosphere.

Hail if formed by these storms when rain droplets are caught in violent updrafts and hurled into the supercold upper atmosphere where they rapidly freeze. The upward and downward process may be repeated many times, with the hailstones growing larger

WIND DIRECTION	BAROMETER	WEATHER
SW to NW	30.10 to 30.20—steady	fair for one or two days
SW to NW	30.10 to 30.20—rising rapidly	fair, but rain within 2 days
SW to NW	30.20 and above—steady	continued fair for indefinite period
SW to NW	30.20 and above—falling slowly	fair for 2 days, rising temperature
S to SE	30.10 to 30.20—falling slowly	rain within 24 hours
S to SE	30.10 to 30.20—falling rapidly	increasing wind, rain in 12 hours
SE to NE	30.10 to 30.20—falling slowly	rain in 12 hours
SE to NE	30.10 to 30.20—falling rapidly	increasing wind, rain in 12 hours
E to NE	30.10 and above—falling slowly	summer—light winds rain in a few days winter—rain in 24 hours
E to NE	30.10 and above—falling rapidly	summer—rain in 24 hours winter—rain or snow in 24 hours with increasing winds
SE to NE	30.00 and below—falling slowly	rain, continuing for 2 days
SE to NE	30.00 and below—falling rapidly	rain with high winds, followed by clearing and colder within 36 hours
S to SW	30.00 and below—rising slowly	clearing in a few hours, fair for a few days
S to E	29.80 and below—falling rapidly	severe storm coming
E to N	29.80 and below—falling rapidly	very severy NE gales imminent
going to W	29.80 and below—rising rapidly	clearing and colder

with each successive layer of ice they take on before finally falling to earth.

A particularly severe low pressure system which does not follow the usual west to east pattern of travel is the tropical depression. The only thing which differentiates between a tropical storm and a hurricane is wind velocity (a storm must produce winds of 75 knots or more to be classified as a hurricane), and a great many tropical storms develop into hurricanes.

Spawned in the Caribbean in late summer and fall (usually), tropical storms or hurricanes rely on the moisture they draw up from the open sea to sustain the vast energy they expend: a full-blown hurricane releases more energy than any nuclear device man has yet devised. Tropical storms follow a south to north track and usually veer off eastward into the open sea in their northward progress. When a hurricane crosses a land mass, the damage it causes may be devastating, but the storm rapidly loses its strength when deprived of the nourishing effect of the sea.

Fog is the bane of the navigator, and an understanding of its causes will help us to predict when and where it will make its appearance. In order to do this, we must understand the factors of relative humidity and dew point. Relative humidity is the amount of moisture the air is capable of holding at a given temperature: warm air is capable of holding greater amounts of moisture than cold air. With this in mind, it is easy to see that the same amount of moisture in cold air will produce a higher relative humidity than the same amount of moisture in warmer air, even though the amount of moisture contained in each, or ABSOLUTE humidity, is exactly the same. This accounts for the fact that fog present in the cool early morning hours will burn off as the rising sun increases the temperature and moisture holding ability of the air. The dew point indicates absolute saturation of the air with moisture, or 100% humidity; when the dew point is reached, we have fog.

Sea-fogs are formed when the air blows from warmer portions of the ocean to colder areas, and the dew point reached over the colder water. This is known as an advection fog and may be very persistent. Coastal fogs are common where winds blowing from a warm ocean meet a cold land mass; they are common in the mornings when the land temperature has yet to match that of the surrounding water (water retains ambient temperature far better than does land).

There are weather instruments which may be carried aboard ship which are of great assistance in predicting local weather changes. Foremost among these is the aneroid (as opposed to the unwieldy mercury) barometer, followed by a wind direction indicator. It is a combination of wind direction and barometric activity which accurately foretell weather changes. The following table will allow you to predict local weather with a fair degree of accuracy using these two instruments:

Aside from the wind directional indicator mentioned earlier, a wind speed indicator is a handy gadget to have. It utilizes the spinning cups to measure velocity and is known to meteorologists as an anemometer. A good marine thermometer would complete the list of boatman's weather instruments.

It is said that a little knowledge may be a dangerous thing, for it may breed over-confidence. Always remember to use your personal observations and predictions as local supplements to, rather than replacements for, the professional marine forecasts, keeping in mind the years of training put in by the experts, and the sophisticated data gathering equipment (weather balloons, satellites and the like) which they have access to.

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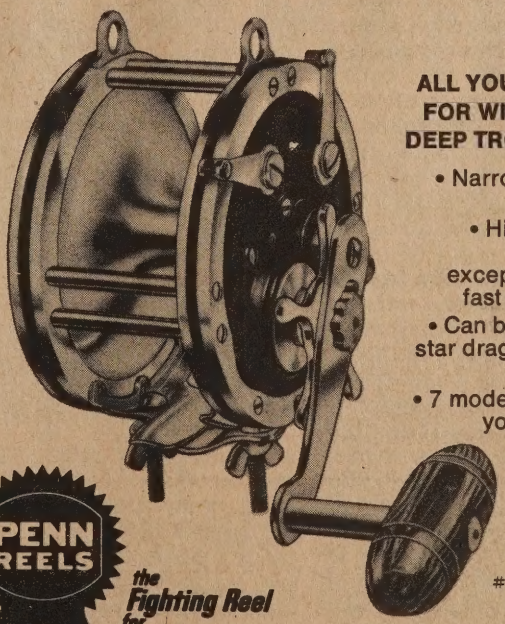

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USING MARKER BUOYS

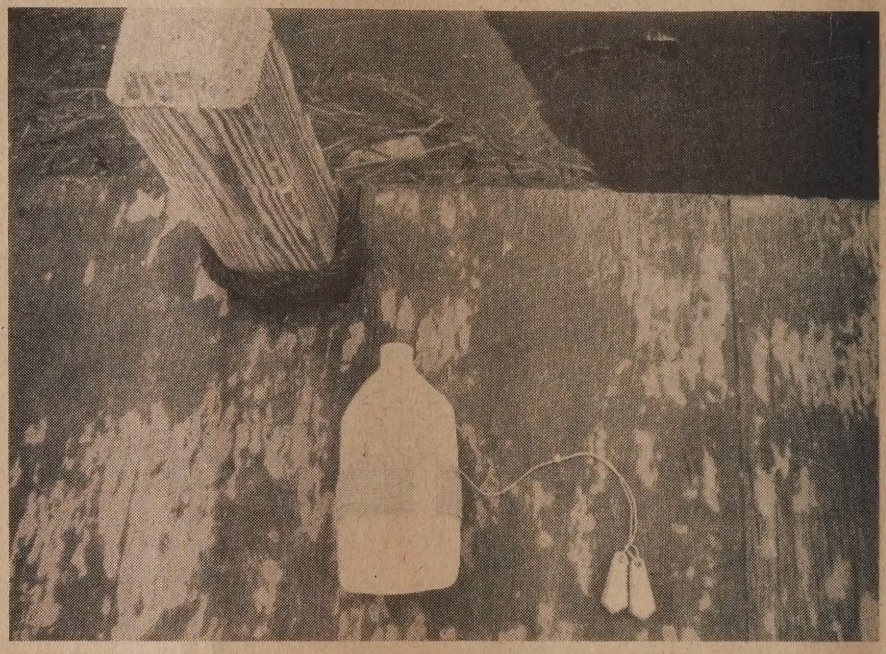
There are three objects that should be within the immediate reach of a fisherman in a boat: bait, a can of Yoo-Hoo (or beer) and a marker buoy. The marker buoy can be an invaluable aid to the sinker bouncer, and when used properly will undoubtably increase the size of the catch. It is also the cheapest piece of equipment you can use—they can easily be improvised at home at virtually no cost.

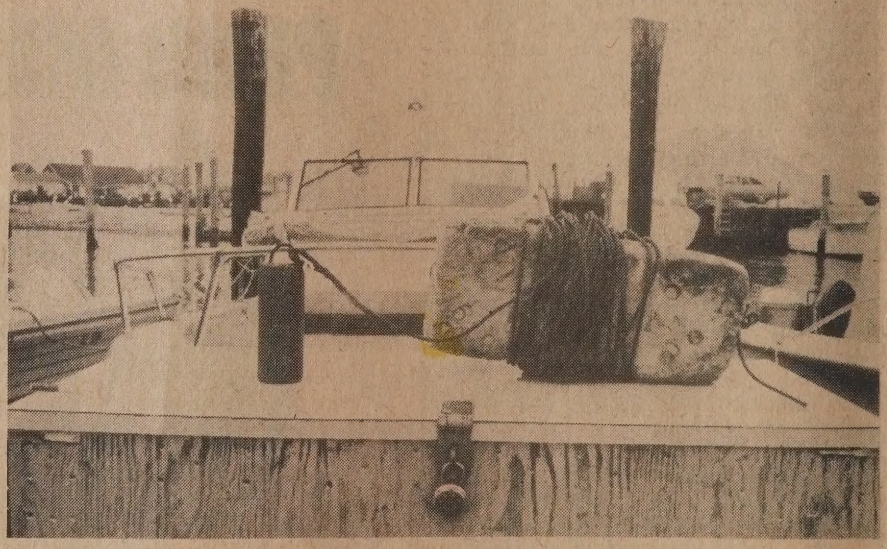
Basically, marker buoys are used simply to mark an area where fish have been caught, giving the angler a point of reference. This is often necessary because out on the water there are few stationary objects that can be used to relate the location of a bottom formation to. The use of shore ranges (see the Bottom Line, LIF Volume 10, Issue No. 2) or Loran bearings will put the fisherman in the general area he desires to find. A marker buoy is used to PIN POINT exactly the position.

Two home-made marker buoys are shown in the photos at left. The top one shows a throw away buoy. This is made as simply and cheaply as possible so that there isn't any big loss if it is lost. The best thing to use for the float is an empty one gallon plastic anti-freeze bottle because they are usually either yellow or red, colors that stand out exceptionally well on a wide expanse of water. One gallon or six quart plastic bleach bottles may also be used, but they are white and can be extremely difficult to see if the water kicks up and begins to white cap.

Just about any kind of line can be used for the throw-away marker buoy—old monofilament, heavy cord, etc. If you want to get fancy, buy some of the lines sold for crab traps. Make up buoys with two different lengths—50 foot for water 25 feet or less and 100 foot for water up to 50 feet in depth. tie the line to the handle of the bottle and then wrap it in coils around the outside. Make the wraps tight enough to prevent a coil of line from falling or springing off the bottle, creating a birds nest. Put a piece of masking tape cross-wise over the coils of line to hold everything in place as shown in the top photo and simply pull it off when you are going to put the buoy into use.

At the opposite end of the line tie a large loop to attach the weight. Use anything that is heavy, easily obtainable and cheap such as sash weights, scrap iron, worn out sinkers, your kid brother or one of the wife's home made cookies, etc. Put weights on the two buoys to be used—spare buoys and weights can be stowed away easier when separate.





The permanent marker buoy shown in the bottom photo is more difficult and expensive to make, but is necessary to mark an area that you wish to fish for several hours or return to the next day. The throw away buoys will have a tendency to "walk" away from the area marked as the buoy rises and falls with the wave action, lifted the weight off the bottom. If it only moved a half-an-inch with each wave, it wouldn't be long before the buoy would be a considerable distance from the starting point.

To make a permanent marker buoy you will need a slab of colored styrofoam (available at most marinas) or other large float, an empty Yoo-Hoo

(or beer) can, a two inch galvanized ring, a thimble for the size line you are using, scrap lead and either one-quarter or three-eighths inch polyethylene line. Take the scrap lead and melt it in a large frying pan on the kitchen stove. Remove the top from the can and slowly pour the melted lead in so that it doesn't splatter. Hold the two inch ring in the lead with a pair of pliers, allowing it to rest on the edges of the can, until the lead has cooled sufficiently to hold the ring up vertically of its own accord. After the lead has cooled, remove the can with a pair of sheers. Insert the thimble on the ring, then attach the line with a splice. Attach the opposite end of the line to the buoy, then wrap the line around the outside. The line for the permanent marker buoy would be in length at least three times the depth of water it is used in.

Marker buoys are invaluable aids for virtually any of the bottom feeding species—flounder, fluke, blackfish, porgies, etc. As we know, bottom fish seek out bottom formations that harbor their source of food. These formations are often quite small, and locating them is half the battle of sinker bouncing. The second half of the battle is to be capable of locating them again and again, and that's where the buoys play their role.

If you have ever fished the rips at Montauk for fluke, you will (or should) have discovered that certain points of the rip are more productive than others. The drift is usually diagonal across the rips, so just running straight back across them to start a new drift won't necessarily put you at the same starting point. But by dropping one of your marker buoys over the side at the beginning of the drift for a reference point, the same productive drift may be made over and over again.

If you are fishing an unfamiliar area blind, don't drop a buoy over until a fish is taken. Then for subsequent drifts, just run a little ways up current of the buoy. After a few drifts, you will often find that only a small portion of the drift is producing fish, so you can start making shorter ones and save critical time.

If you have found a productive area for drifting that is particularly long, it is often advisable to place a second marker buoy at the end of the drift for a reference point. Keep in mind that so long as wind and current directions and speeds remain the same the direction of the drift will remain the same. A drift can be terminated at any given point, and by running the boat in a straight line to the marker buoy you will be assured of covering the same bottom on subsequent drifts.

If you want to anchor for species such as porgies, blackfish or seabass that often are around a very small bottom structure, make a drift until you catch a fish or two. Drop a buoy on the spot, then make a second drift to be reasonably certain that the fish weren't strays or in transit to another area. If fish are taken on the second drift, move the boat up current and lower the anchor, letting out the anchor line until the boat is directly above the bottom formation that the buoy has marked.

When it comes time to pick up the marker, run the boat up to it and snag the line with a long handled gaff or boat hook. As the weight is pulled up, rewind the line around the buoy to keep it from getting tangled up, ready for use again at an instants notice.

The greatest demonstration I have witnessed of the proper use of marker buoys for pinpointing "pieces" of bottom was made by Capt. Ronnie Grandinetti of the Montauk charter-"Julie II". Ronnie was kind enough to allow me to follow him out in my Grady White Overnighter to the Frisbee Grounds so I could see him in action with the "Hump-backed" seabass that were in the area. The bottom was relatively flat, with small pieces of bottom about the size of a small house rising 3 or 4 feet. Each of these pieces had a small population of seabass, but only a few could be taken before their struggles would spook the remaining fish. It usually took 10 or 20 minutes for the spooked fish to calm down and return to the piece to feed again.

To side-step this problem, Ronnie would slowly cruise the area with an eye on his recorder, dropping marker buoys on the first three or four pieces that showed up. Then he would fish one buoy until the fish got jumpy, move to the next one until they got jumpy, move to the third buoy, etc. By the time the captain returned to the first buoy, the fish had had enough to calm down and would take a bait again. Eventually, the fishing would begin to prefer-out after several rotations at the buoys, so they would be pulled up and the process started again. In contrast to Ronnie's method, other boats in the area were drifting blind and only catching an occasional fish or two when their boat accidentally drifted over a piece of bottom. By using marker buoys effectively, Ronnie was realizing four or five times the amount of PRODUCTIVE fishing time as the other boats in the same time span.

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How To Deal With Bugs

Over the years I have seen and I have heard of some pretty unique ways to tolerate if not defeat the bugs which are our constant companions during the late spring and summer.

Of course there is the time honored method of running full tilt into the water (usually screaming something more offensive than Geronimo) until the water covers all of you and drowns the little buggers. Still, there are disadvantages to this procedure because you must face the bugs, dripping wet, sooner or later and they seem to find a soggy salt encrusted surfmen just so much better.

More unorthodox methods have come and gone through the ages and one of the classics is the "cover trick". I don't mean long sleeves and the like, for most of us do these things anyway. No, I mean an attempt to cover every square inch of body surface—including the eye lids. I fished with a fella a couple of years back who was, unfortunately allergic to something in the bite of the tiny critters. When he was bitten only occasionally he could tolerate it, but when the air was still and the bugs very numerous he would start to swell like a baloon.

So it happened one night that we decided to fish and it was very very calm. I dressed in the usual amount of time but I was surprised to see my friend still in the act. In the dark I couldn't see what he was wearing but when he came around to my side of the car I fell down laughing. He had dressed in the following manner: Waders, long sleeve sweatshirt with hood, gloves were drawn up over the ends of the sweatshirt and the point where they overlapped was tied tight with heavy string, the hood was over his head but underneath was worn a ski mask (the kind with only two tiny holes for the eyes), again there was a string tied tight around his neck. I guess it would have seemed down right practical except that the temperature was about ninety and the humidity just about the same!

I heard recently about a guy who has developed a device which he secures to his hat. The device consists of a light, which the gentleman insists draws the bugs away from his head, and at the top a fan is rigged. The whole thing runs on two D batteries and when the light attracks the bugs the fan chops them up. At least that's what this guy says?

I have always been intriqued by the use of mosquito netting. I remember as a kid I'd watch Tarzan do his thing with nary the slightest problem from bugs, athelete's foot, snakes, or any of the countless and dangerous tropical diseases that seem to infect everybody else. Well, of course the Englishmen, intent upon finding the hidden treasure were decked out in pith helmets, mosquito netting, and sterilized water.

Thus, mosquito netting always held an exotic and nostalgic place in my heart—until I used it myself! That simply has to be one of the most uncomfortable ways to fish. Personally I can't see a thing and the heat and humidity build up to the point where I think that I'd rather have the bugs! Besides, even with all the inconvenience some of the smaller gnats slip through.

Probably the most conventional approach prescribes the use of bug repellent or simply "bug juice". There are many brands available and all work great on mosquitos and flies, but the gnats think the stuff is hors d'oeruvres.

Every now and then a company comes out with a new version of the old repellent or maybe even a new repellent and once again they fail to dissuade the gnats. Good grief those gnats have to be among nature's most persistent creatures!

From time to time you'll meet somebody who swears by a certain repellent. That person either does little surf fishing, is genetically inferior so that even bugs don't like him, or is lucky to possess a specific chemistry that when combined with bug juice repels anything. I suppose that such people really do exist, but I doubt it.

One day my wife asked me how come all of my surf fishing friends smoke cigars which, like many women she finds offensive? It's true and like it or not we all develop the habit—in an effort for self preservation! Cigar smoke is perhaps the most effective overall bug repellent and it doesn't burn your eyes, stain clothes, or offend with a terrible odor, (in some people's opinion).

I had a particularly bad night a few weeks back with bugs. There were so

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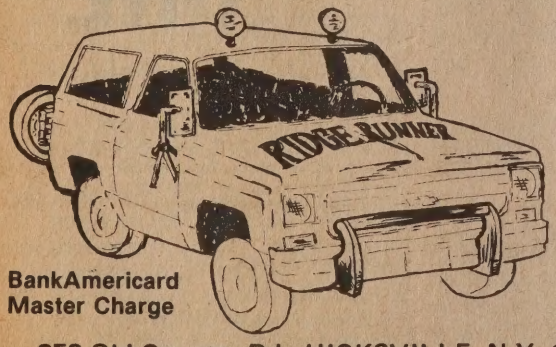

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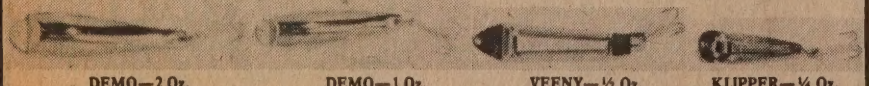

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many of them that they were ferocious. At the end of the evening, to give you an idea of the size of the population of bugs, when I entered my car for refuge I brought enough of them with me that they bit me all the way home and the next morning when I went to work they were still buzzing in my ear and crawling into my sinuses.

Anyway, I was forced to smoke so many cigars that the next morning my tonque felt like someone had glued a piece of felt to it. If I let a cigar die without lighting another the bugs would charge me and have me at their mercy. When I ran out of cigars I went home.

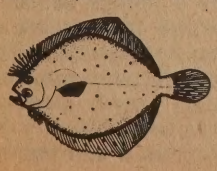
Yes, cigars are a life saver against gnats. The big, stinky cheap ones are the best. Usually you'll find that a surf fisherman buys two kinds of cigars. The cheapest ones for the beach and a good one to enjoy after Sunday dinner.

Aside from the variety of methods that I have offered there are many things that you can do to minimize your discomfort. The best trick is to stay home except when a breeze is blowing. Seriously, although a breeze will solve the problem there are a lot of summer nights when there will not be any moving air to be found. Before you leave for the beach you should shower with a brand of soap that has as little odor as possible and no odor is best. Do not use any after shave lotion or hair dressing.

Comb your hair wet and push it straight back. Brush your teeth and do not eat anything sweet or spicey before heading out.

When you get to the battle ground move about slowly so that you do not sweat. The perspiration attracts the bugs as quick as a wink. Light your cigar and take your time. Wear lightweight clothing but make sure that you cover as much of your body as you can. The vent above the cuff of a long sleeve shirt should be sewn closed or the bugs will crawl up your arm. If you have a long walk carry your waders instead of walking in them. Wear a hat! Buy a lightweight ski hat that can be pulled over your ears. Walk slowly and once at the spot that you intend to fish walk out as far into the water as you can. Sometimes there may be enough of a breeze a short distance off the beach to discourage the bugs and sometimes the bugs hug the shore line and fewer will follow you out.

But most important of all—Keep puffing!!



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Hydraulics: *Part I:* Applying Physics To Fishing

by Charles Joseph Stephen

As fishermen, we should all be aware that fishing is both a science and an art. The scientific aspects of fishing incorporates various aspects of aquatic and marine biology as an aid in determining the species which is, at any given point in the season, your prey, as well as their behavioral characteristics and habits. It makes up the "where to" of the sport.

The art of fishing is generally associated with the mechanics of the sport—the "how to" of fishing—those physical aspects of presentation, casting...right down to knot tying. But there is one angle of fishing that is generally overlooked, and it is that which deals with the environs of any fish you seek to catch.

Normally, a fisherman who is in the know associates his prey's habitat in terms of a number of important variables. Clarity of water, temperature, oxygen content, ph, speed of water flow, tidal forces, depth, surface and bottom characteristics, striation of water, vegetation, and all other information one can gain, are essential in improving your "luck".

If you are making use of any or all of the available information on water conditions, then you are using science and logic for locating your prey. All of this information is as essential to a full creel as using a hook instead of a clothes pin, but there is still something vitally important that is lacking. That is the understanding of the properties of water, itself.

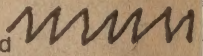
Drop a pebble into a pool of still water and what happens? A series of concentric circles emanates from the center of impact, expanding and moving outward in all directions. It is exactly the same as the energy vibrations created by sound in air. Vibrating molecules transfer their energy from one molecule to another, and there isn't a single finny creature in the deep that does not know how to interpret or "hear" sounds in molecular vibration water.

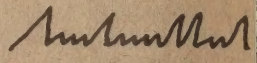
Studies conducted by Bell Laboratories on the golden shinner (Notemigonus Crysoleucas) and the northern creek chub (Semotilus Atromaculatus) two common freshwater forage fish, have proven conclusively that fish have the ability, without using sight, to determine whether the sounds radiating from any given object show it to be a free meal or an enemy, and whether that object is animate or inanimate.

Every object in water possesses at least one property, displacement, and has the potential of creating a second property, subsurface interference of noise. Let's assume that the pebble we've dropped into water is cube-shaped one inch on each side. It will effectively displace one cubic inch of water. As it sinks to the bottom it will also be displacing water, creating a disturbance which gives off a series of vibrations audible to fish. These vibrations are referred to as audible displacement waves.

Now let's substitute a minnow or other live bait for that pebble. The minnow possesses displacement, but since the minnow is alive it gives off a second series of sound waves as it moves through water. Here are a series of recorded sound waves.

Pebble falling through water

Outboard motor under constant speed 

Fish or other animate object 

Where as the sounds of the inanimate objects produce a uniform sound pattern, the sound of live bait or fish is erratic, and as such, is decipherable by fish species and indentifiable.

When a mackerel fingerling picks line, that is erratic, it "knows" there is a live presence in the immediate area. If that same audible sound is in conjunction with audible displacement sounds of, say, three feet in length, you can bet that the little mack knows that its time to leave the area. Conversely, that three-foot fish knows there is food in the area and that poor little mack doesn't have much time!

We, as fishermen, can capitalize on this information by constantly changing trolling speeds or speeds of retrieve when casting. Erratic motion of lures in water is more likely to imitate live food, sound-wise, than will a lure in steady motion. It is also essential to use lures that create erratic sound waves.

Ever wonder why the bucktail and various other hair and fur body lures work so effectively? Since they are supple, the lure bodies "breathe" as they are moved through water, hence they create a lifelike sound. It's the same principle that makes the wobbling spoon and spinner effective as well as the surgical tube eel. They have always been popular lures because they catch fish and they catch fish because they create the sound fish like to hear.

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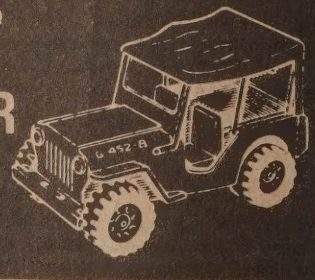

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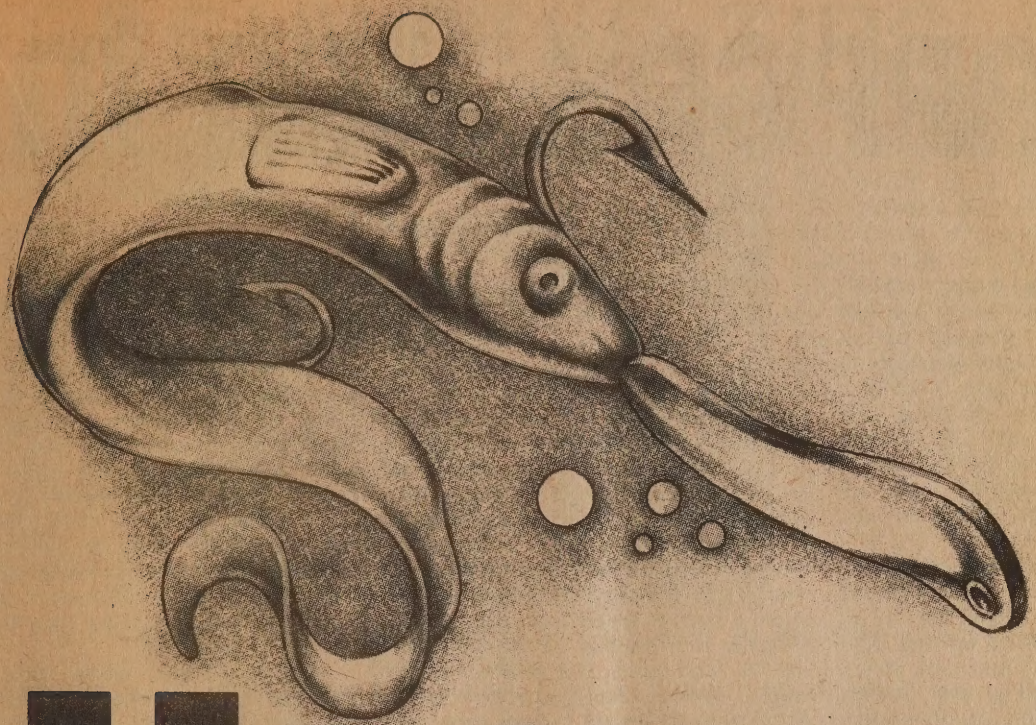

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Snappers Are In!!

by Joe Cook

What fisherman's heart doesn't skip a beat when he hears the cry "snappers are in" shouted by an excited youngster holding high a slender bamboo pole with a silvery-blue wriggling snapper dangling from the line? Come August, and literally thousands of kids line banks, docks, piers and, if economically fortunate enough, bob in boats, lifting hooked snappers out of the water.

However, kids aren't the only fishermen interested in these scrappy fighting baby blues. Fishermen of all ages, using all types of fishing gear and fishing from all sorts of structures, including high priced yachts, quickly wet a line when the "snappers are in."

Snappers are the youngest members of the bluefish family that are taken by rod and reel. Early in the summer snappers usually are three or four inches long but by late August and early September they can be eight to ten inches long and weigh up to a pound. Over a pound they are known as snapper-blues, while any specimen tipping the scales over three pounds is considered a bluefish.

Like their elders, bluefish, snappers are an outstanding sport fish for their size. Everything that blue fish are renowned for holds true for snappers-the only difference being size. Snappers travel in schools gobbling up almost everything that is small enough for their needle-pointed teeth to cut into. However, unlike bluefish, snappers are not wary of what they sink their teeth into. This habit of baby blues often makes for fast and furious fishing.

All equipment for snapper fishing is basically simple and inexpensive. Even a boat, although a decided asset, is not a necessity. In fact, the old fashioned handline may be put into use to catch this species. However, a simple light pole, be it the traditional bamboo pole used by kids, or a spinning or fly rod all work wonders in landing these fish. The lighter the rod, the more sport and the more success. A light pole is sensitive to the most delicate tapping on the bait enabling you to quickly set your hook plus giving you the thrill of "feeling" these scrappy fighters all the way up to where you unhook them.

Hook size is important and it is gauged by the size of the fish running at a particular time. The largest snappers are usually caught with a #1 hook with smaller specimens caught on a #3. Make certain the hooks you use have fairly long shanks or else you will have to use a wire leader as snappers, like bluefish, have sharp teeth that can easily sever gut or line.

If you plan to use bait, a bobber or float is necessary as it keeps the bait at the "right" depth below the surface. Also, a bobber easily tells you when a snapper is hitting or taking your bait as the fish pulls the bobber under water. When using a bobber use a light model so as not to take away any of the "feel" of the snapper's fight.

Favorite baits for snappers include spearing, killies, and narrow strips of belly cut from previously caug[illegible] snappers. Small fresh water lures and spinners are also excellent when cast into a feeding school.

Snappers are scattered in schools all over the bays, coves, and harbors of Long Island during August and September. Usually the best fishing areas are those around sand bars, piers, and docks where there is strong tidal action eddying the snappers favorite foods, such as killies and spearing. Tidewise an incoming tide, especially around mid-point up to flood tide, is an excellent time to catch a mess of snappers.

Here is a light tackle sport that requires little expense or effort but perhaps ounce for ounce, provides more good "fighting fun" and good eating than many of the so called game fishes.

FRESHWATER TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

WIND AND WAVES MAKE IT USELESS FOR FLYCASTING AND POPPING BUGS SO THE REMEDY IS TO TIE ON A BIG STREAMER FLY INSTEAD. BASS AND PIKE WILL HAUNT THE SHALLOWS UNDER THE PROTECTIVE COVER OF THE CHOPPY SURFACE SO IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SINK A FLY VERY DEEP - NOR DO YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE WIND TO STOP BLOWING. *STREAMERS* WORK AS WELL ON WINDY DAYS AS BUGS DO WHEN THE WATER IS GLASSY CALM. HOWEVER ON CALM DAYS FISH GO DOWN MUCH DEEPER.

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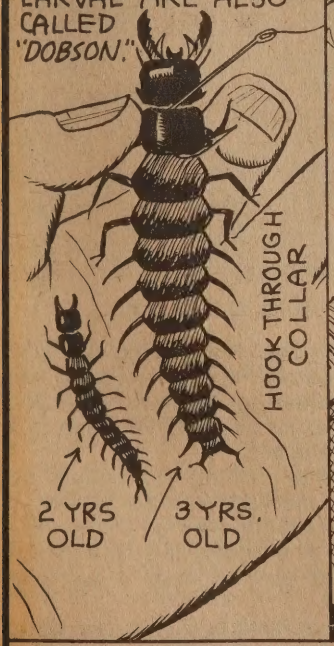
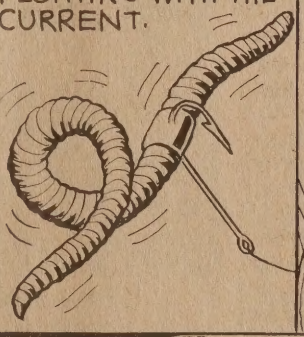
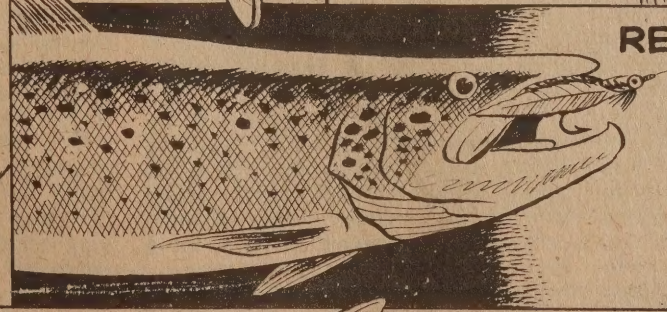


BIG-O, FAT ALBERT AND "PREGNANT MAMIE" ARE A FEW OF THE NEW BIG FAT *SOUND-PRODUCING* PLUGS THAT HAVE BEEN CATCHING BASS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

HOOK A WORM *LIGHTLY* SO THAT IT IS FREE TO TWIST AND SQUIRM NATURALLY WHEN LYING ON THE BOTTOM OR FLOATING WITH THE CURRENT.

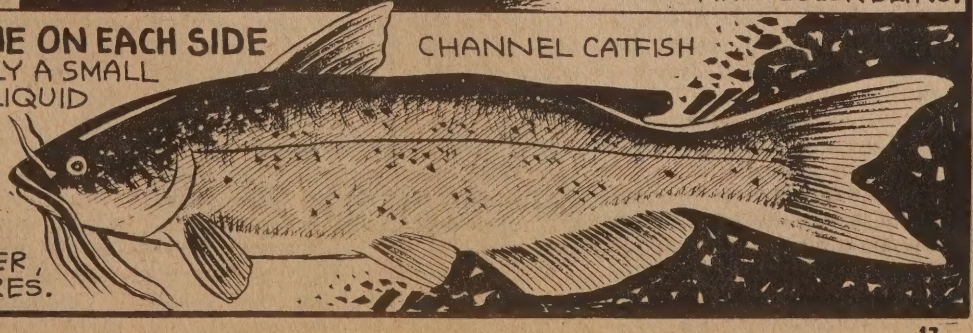


HOOK SMALL MINNOWS THROUGH THE *TAIL* RATHER THAN TAKING A CHANCE ON KILLING THEM BY HOOKING TOO DEEP IN THE BACK.



RED AND YELLOW ARE COLORS THAT ATTRACT FISH MOST. STUDIES SHOW THAT BONEY FISH SEE *LIVING COLORS*. CARTILAGINOUS FISH LIKE SHARKS ARE COLOR BLIND.

THE LATERAL LINE ON EACH SIDE OF A FISH IS ACTUALLY A SMALL CANAL FILLED WITH LIQUID AND NERVES WHICH DETECT VIBRATIONS IN THE WATER. IT *ALERTS* THE FISH TO OTHER LIVING THINGS IN THE WATER, ALSO BAITS AND LURES.



BIG SHARKS On Small Rigs

by Ron Onorato

It had been a very frustrating day. We were chumming some 20 miles out of Jones Inlet and the ocean was alive with sharks. The clear water and bright sunshine did not make for the best conditions. Blue sharks, Makos and Duskies were in the slick consistently but refused our mackerel and bunker baits.

We had three rigs out, two with whole mackerel and the other with a whole bunker. The sharks would take one look at the bait and swim off. We couldn't figure out the problem, so I brought in one mackerel and cut it in half. I replaced the 14/0 hook we were originally using with a 10/0 hook and a slightly shorter leader.

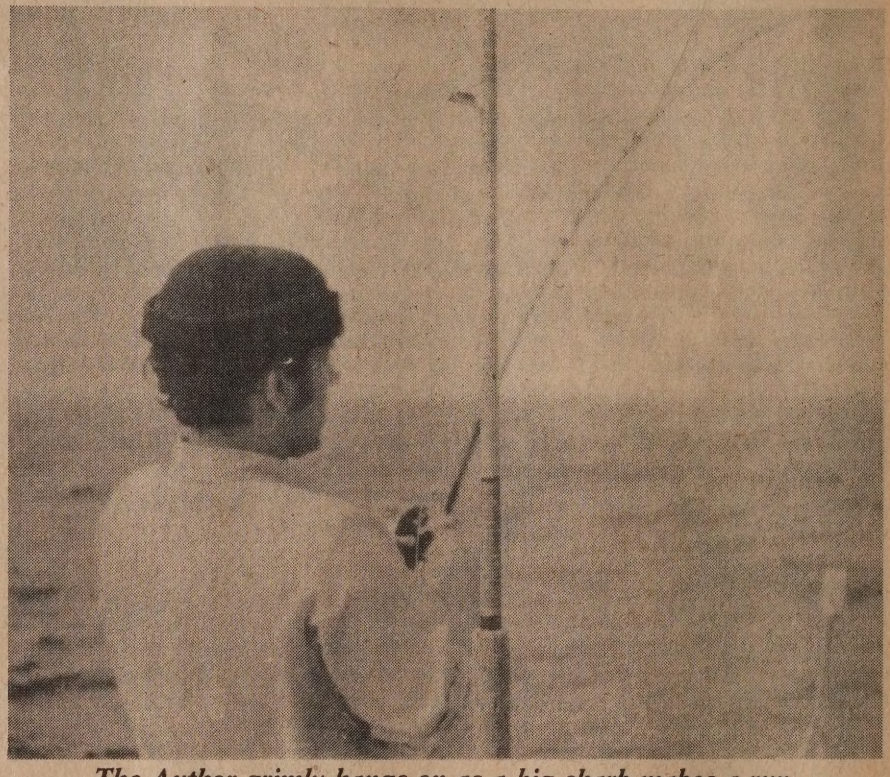
I drifted the half mackerel out into the slick and waited. Some half hour later the clicker on the reel sounded off. Charlie Ciccotta was nearest the rig, so he grabbed it. He let the fish run a few seconds and slammed the reel into hear. A small Mako of about 80 lbs. skyrocketed out of the water about the same time he felt the hook.

The shark sounded for a few minutes and then shot up again. This time he made a series of leaps a mere 50 feet from the boat. We became a little concerned about the possibility of the shark leaping into the small outboard. Fortunately we landed the shark without further incident.

We had no further action that day, so we brought the small Mako into the outboard and took off for home. Had the shark been an exceptionally large one, it would have been necessary to tow it back rather than try to squeeze it on board the small rig.

The profusion of sharks in Long Island's South Shore in recent years has offered to the small outboarder a chance for some licks at some big game fishing. With a little common sense and following certain procedures, the experienced outboarder should be able to make a stab at shark fishing.

The owner of a 19 or 21 foot outboard can successfully shark fish. I usually fish from the 20 foot Whaler Outrage. The boat is equipped with twin 70 horse power plants, a CB, and a VHF radio. Any other type outboard similiarly equipped is a good bet.



The Author grimly hangs on as a big shark makes a run.

Though some intrepid souls venture forth with just single power plants on their rigs I like the security of twin outboards.

A CB radio is a necessity and the VHF is good to have along. You'll be fishing anywhere from 15 to 30 miles off the beach and for the most part be on your own. Without any sort of radio communication, you may be in for a bad time if something goes wrong.

One item which many outboarders neglect is having sufficient anchor line. Sufficient anchor line means a scope of 7 to 1. This means that you should have 7 feet of line for every foot of water. If you're in 100 feet of water, 700 feet of anchor line is needed. If you break down in 140 feet of water with a heavy sea, that 350 feet of line that most boats have is not going to be enough.

These things just mentioned are to get you to the grounds and back home in one piece. Now for the fishing.

If you've fished for sharks from big rigs you'll find this fishing a whole new ball game. For the most part, you will be releasing much of what you catch. There is but so much room in a 20 foot outboard.

The actual fishing techniques for sharks do not vary with the exception being no fighting chair on the smaller rigs. You'll be holding the rod with the only assist coming from a rod belt holder.

I will fish three outfits at one time, and have three others in reserve. Two 3/0 outfits with 30 lb. mono, two 4/0 outfits with 40 lb. mono, and two 6/0 outfits with 50 lb. line comprise the tackle selection. It does not pay to go to any outfit heavier than the 6/0's from an outboard.

As a rule, I will start with the heavier outfits and go only to the lighter rigs if the big stuff fails to produce.

Terminal tackle isn't very complicated. I use 14/0 O'Shaugnessey extra strong hooks usually but carry some

larger and smaller hooks to be used if needed.

Next step is the rigging of the leader. A blackened barrel swivel testing no less than 200 pounds is attached to a 12 or 15 foot length of 185 to 250 pound test stainless wire leader material. The swivel and hook are connected to the wire by means of a haywire twist.

While you can use almost any small fish as shark bait, whole mackeral and bunkers are the most widely used, mainly because of their easy availability. It is best to have the baits rigged prior to getting to the grounds. Take the bait either fresh or frozen, and lie it down. Take the wire leader without attaching the swivel, and force it through the back or the vent of the fish until you have a couple of feet left extending from the back of the fish. Attach the hook to the remaining feet of wire extending from the back of the bait. Pull the wire from the head of the fish until the hook is imbeded into the bait with only the curved part showing. Now you can attach the swivel.

Because it is easier to work on a steady platform rather than a pitching boat, I will rig a dozen or so baits and then freeze them. I'll take them as needed and keep them on ice until needed.

Proper chumming is what can make or break a shark fishing trip. Always chum heavily until you get some fish in the slick and then ease off. Bunker chum is usually used, though some fellows bring along some sort of animal blood.

An all day shark trip usually means 5 cans of bunker chum, 20 lbs. of mackerel, and 20 pounds of bunker. When you first arrive on the grounds go at the chumming heavy until you have some life in the slick. Ease up on the chum if you have fish in the slick and start chunking the bunkers and mackerel by cutting them in thirds and halves and tossing them over. I have found that this technique seems to bring them closer to the boat, making it easier for them to take a bait. The chunks tossed over the side seem to whet their appetites until they come upon the main course, a whole mackerel or bunker.

Start fishing three or four outfits at various levels until you get action. Keep one 50 feet from the boat, the next one at 75 feet, the third at 100 feet and so on. You just have to vary until you find the level that they are feeding at. This may at times be a few scant feet from the boat.

If the clicker goes off or you're holding the rod and get a pickup, let the fish run a bit before engaging the reel. After the fish is hooked its only a matter of time before the fish is lost or landed.

With the aforementioned tackle, you should handle the blues and duskies without too much difficulty unless they are extremely large. The makos are another story. Even a small one will create problems. Their tendency to jump creates the possibility of jumping into the boat, and that is no good.

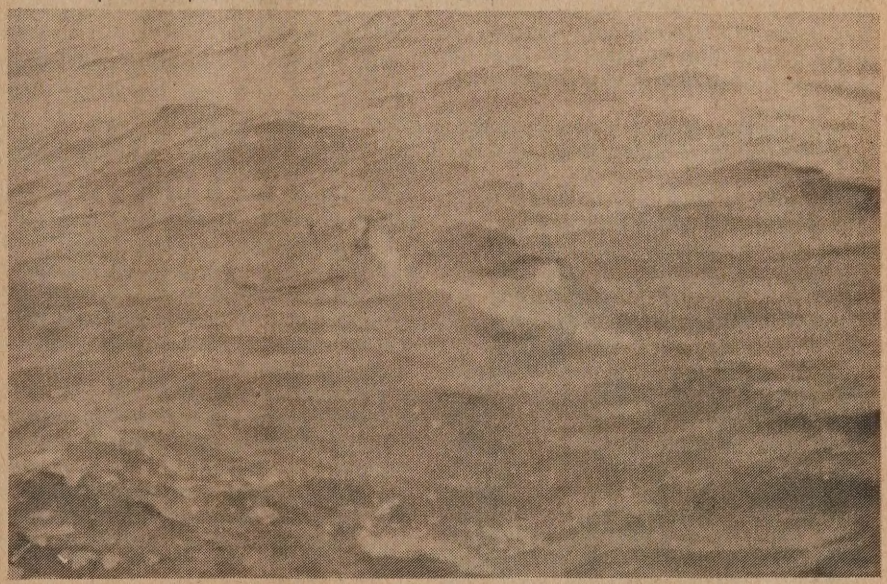
With the duskies and blue sharks, we will usually play them to boatside and then cut the wire leader hoping the shark isn't too hurt. Unless the mako is over a couple of hundred pounds I'll try to land him. This is a very, very, tricky maneuver from a small boat with just two men on it.

I carry a .38 caliber pistol with plenty of shells on these trips. We will play the shark out as much as possible before tackling it. When the shark is close enough for a clean shot in the head, I let him have it. I may have to hit him 5 or 6 times before a tail rope can be secured. After a tail rope is secured another shot or two in the head goes along for good measure. Even then you must be cautious as to whether the shark is still living or dead.

Fish up to 150 pounds or so are then lifted over the side and secured to the bow. Bigger fish are secured to the side of the boat with a tail and head rope, and then towed back in. This has never happened to me personally, as I have yet to bring in a mako over 120 pounds on the boat. Most seem to range from a 15 pounder to 119 pounds, though several huge ones have been lost.

Where to fish is no big problem. I have chummed them as close as 15 miles south of Jones Inlet and at other times gone south of the HA buoy which is some 30 miles off the beach. South, Southwest, or Southeast of Jones Inlet at varying distances will produce. Keep an ear to the latest fishing reports.

This type of fishing is not meant for everyone, nor should it be tried by the casual fisherman. Only an experienced boatman as well as fisherman should tackle this operation. Even then there are certain risks which many aren't willing to take. If you're an adventurous soul willing to taste big game fishing from a small rig, then this is definitely up your alley. It gives you a sense of pride and accomplishment to bring home the bacon from a small outboard.



A small mako swims up the chum slick close to the boat.

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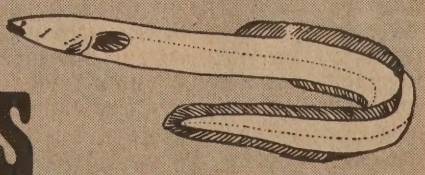

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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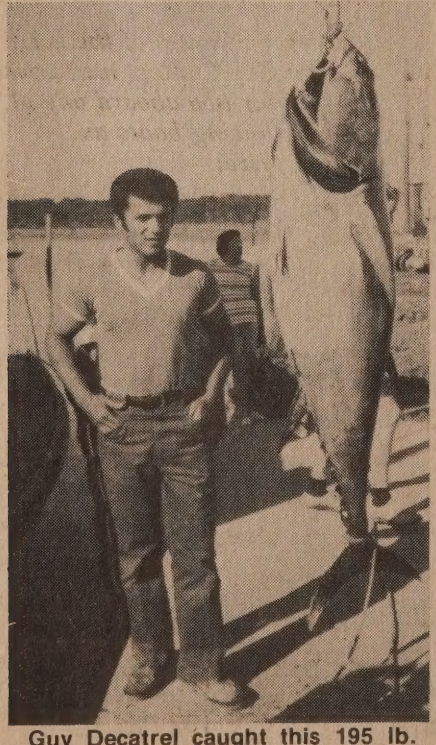
On Wednesday with a party of 3, Capt. Ronnie G. of the **Julie II** took 250 lbs. of porgies up to 3 lbs inchore and took 28 fluke, 8 of which went 5 to 10¾ lbs, at the Frisbee Grounds. On Saturday a party of 3 caught 84 blues at the Sub Buoy on diamond jigs plus 150 lbs of seabass at the Frisbees and 250 lbs. of porgies.

There may not be quantity, but some big fluke are beint taken off Churches in 55 feet of water, according to Captain Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II.** The bluefishing also remains at bonanza proportions. A good catch of 30 to 60 blues is practically quaranteed trolling at the Submarine Buoy and the Cartwright Grounds are starting to produce fish again. Dick fished the later on Sunday night with a charter and 120 to 130 blues 3 to 12 pounds were boated. A few bass are around but nothing to brag about. The **Bluefin IV** took 10 bass on the weekend with a few in the twenties.

Great fluke fishing at the Midway and North Rips is the word from Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II.** Both Friday and Sunday the boat sailed open for fluke and found both quantity and quality fluke. The southside is also beginning to produce some of those doormats that have been tough to find this year.



Guy Decatrel caught this 195 lb. tuna aboard the charter boat "Montauk" with Capt. Paul Sundberg. Subscriber Club Photo.

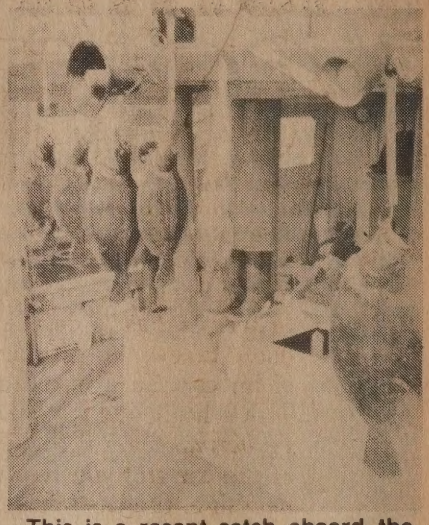
Giant cod and pollack fishing is the usual very good and holding steady at Cox's Ledge. Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** told us that the fish now average 12 to 14 pounds and the pooler usually is 30 and over. The **Viking Starlite** is doing an excellent job on the local grounds for jumbo fluke, sailing two trips daily. The Starlite is also doing a job on those giant bluefish in the evenings with the choppers now running a hefty 12 pounds and up.

Big porgies up to 4 pounds right off the lighthouse and plenty of 'em sez the **Marlin III's** skipper Richard Rade. The better fishermen take 50 to 60 nice fish a day and the average guy can expect 30 or better. High hooker during the week took 110 fish. A few sea bass, blackfish and fluke are also mixed in with the porgies. Dick said that fishing was excellent despite the strong moon tides on the weekend, and fishing should really peak this coming weekend as the tides slow considerable.

Four different species of shark were among the nine that the charterboat **Four D's** took on an offshore trip last week. Unfortunately, there wasn't a mako in the catch but Bill Olsen and Fred Zerrs and a party had a ball never the less, according to Captain Tom Duddleston. Loads of bluefish for trollers still at the Submarine Buoy. Nick Stefanchik and family chartered the **Four D's** on Friday and took 87 of the 5 to 12 pound choppers on umbrella rigs.

Excellent bluefishing at the Submarine Buoy is the enthusiastic report from Captain Murray Homelsky of the charterboat **Cherokee.** This past week the captain also made several successful offshore shark trips, producing blue sharks, duskies and one large mako.

L.I.F. staff member **Scott Simons** plied the waters of Montauk over the weekend in his **Grady White Overnighter** and had a mixed bag of fluke, porgies, seabass, and bluefish. The blues are still pouncing on the diamond jigs at the Submarine Buoy and there is no end in sight. Squidding for an hour and 45 minutes with 3 oz. AVA-27 diamond jigs on Sunday produced 21 blues 5 to 10 lbs. Unless you have a lot of muscles, the fish will always be left biting. Best time is any time during the week or in the evenings when there aren't as many trollers around. On the weekend it is almost impossible to get the jig through the wire and criss-crossing trollers. At least one private boat at Montauk has found were the doormats can be caught in quantity. The "Pepe" came in Sunday with about 10 fluke that had a total weight of 75 pounds and another 100 pounds of 2 to 4 lb fish. The Pepe skipper pinpointed the hot area for L.I.F. readers. "The Southside," which narrows it down to only 120 miles of coastline. Sharpshooter Bruce Hoek took a 6 lb. giant humpbacked in addition to several in the 4 lb. class during the week.



This is a recent catch aboard the "Jigger III" out of Montauk.

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FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The person with license number 148-KCK failed to call by the deadline, so this week there is no winner of the Litter Box confest. Next weeks winner will receive $20 instead of the normal $10 prize plus two tickets on an open boat. For information on how you may participate in the contest, see page 21.

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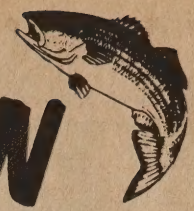

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The Long Island Fisherman is holding a contest where our readers can win a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the 45 convenient locations listed below and pick up an L.I.F. litter box for the rear window of his car. Each week the license plate number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, just call *The Fisherman* by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received by the deadline, the cash prize will accumulate.

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PROMISED LAND

The porgy scene is from good to bonanza at Gardiner's Island, reports Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station.** Fish are a good mix of ½ to 1½ lbs. with an ocassional 2 pounder and some small seabass mixed in. Fluke are improving off Cartwright Island, becoming more plentiful but the average size decreasing. One boat took 18 keepers to 2½ pounds over the weekend. Porgy fishing is also very good and sometimes better than Gardiner's right in front of the station. Small bluefish of 1 to 3 pounds and an occasional weakfish are also right in front of the station in 4 to 8 feet of water taking poppers in the mornings and evenings. A million snappers are around and should be approaching eating size in another week or so.

SAG HARBOR

Helen at the **Noyac Marina** called to tell us that the fishing really picked up during the week. Jacob McFarland, B.J. Rubin and Pete Campbell of Brooklyn anchored between buoys 16 and 17 and put bloodworms down for porgies. They were rewarded with 8 buckets of humpbacked porgies and 27 weakfish. Last Wednesday one boat took 27 weakfish on sandworms and squid off the pink house. Kingfish are also mixed in with the porgies.

SHINNECOCK

Excellent porgy fishing all week at the local Peconic wrecks, Nassau Point area and east of Robbin's Island, according to Capt. Clark Bellows Sr. of the **Capt. Clark Boats.** The fish average ¾ to 2½ pounds with mixed sizes inbetween and a few kingfish are starting to show up in the catches. Weakfish are hot and cold, at times excellent for fish 2 to 5 lbs. mixed in with the porgies. Kenneth Kennah of Queens was the high hook on Sunday with 54 porgies and 12 weakfish.

HAMPTON BAYS

Good fluking at Shinnecock Inlet and on the sand flats is the word from Ernie at **bradley's Fishing Station.** Incoming tide is best but any moving tide will produce fish. Some nice fluke are coming in and some boats have as many as 30 or 40 keepers but there is still an abundance of shorts around the area. Best bait is sand eels. A few of the boats are running two miles into Peconic Bay and taking nice weakfish and porgies on sandworm and squid baits. Bradley's is now holding a fluke contest for its customers with a prize of a free boat and motor rental for the day to the winner.

MORICHES BAY

The fluke are best at the Coast Guard Station and between buoys 34 and 36 is the work coming out of **Cerullo Brothers Fishing Station.** A sandeel and squid combo is producing fish on any moving tide. Small bluefish are being taken on diamond jigs in the East Cut.

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** told us that it was a very good fluking weekend with more keepers in the catch than previously. Live killie or sandeel and squid combos are producing on any moving tide in the New Cut. Blue claw crabs are starting to show, good size, being taken in traps at buoy 29 area and with nets on the flats on low incoming water. Snappers are off to a good start but still small.

The one that got away....Martin Kalin called to tell us that he and a friend Vinnie Bonni baited a blue marlin on a balyhoo on his boat the Calubrious southwest of Moriches Inlet in 125 feet of water. The fish was on for an hour and brought to the boat a half dozen times but never quite close enough to sink a gaff. The marlin was 12 plus feet long and estimated at 400 to 500 lbs. Finally deciding that he had fooled around enough and snapped the 80 lb. dacron line we decided to wait till next year.

Mike Forman (14) caught this 293 dusky shark. It was caught 30 miles south east of Shinnecock inlet in 190 feet of water on 50 lb. tackle. Photo courtesy of Tony's Fishing Station.

MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Keenan's Fishing Station** reports fluking is okay but with lots of shorts but enough keepers to make it interesting. Try drifting from buoy 26, east with spearing on a flood tide. Small blues and snappers are all over the place, with the blues in the buoy 17 area. Shiners are taking the snappers and the blues are hitting metal lures and shrimp jigs tipped with squid. Try a small Hopkins tipped with squid or a shrimp jig similarly tipped around 6-8 A.M., prior to boat traffic. Crabbing is great, with traps, nets and rings, and 2 bushels per boat is not unusual. Try 17 to the bridge, all tides.

WEST SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station tells us that blues to 2 pounds are being taken southwest of the Brown's River jetty about 1 mile out, and working S-E on a flooding tide. Shrimp jigs with squid, Hopkins and Johnson Sprites are doing the job amongst other lures.

Ed Raffel with his first striper caught at Shinnecock on a live eel. Subscriber Club Photo.

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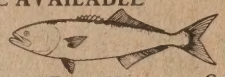

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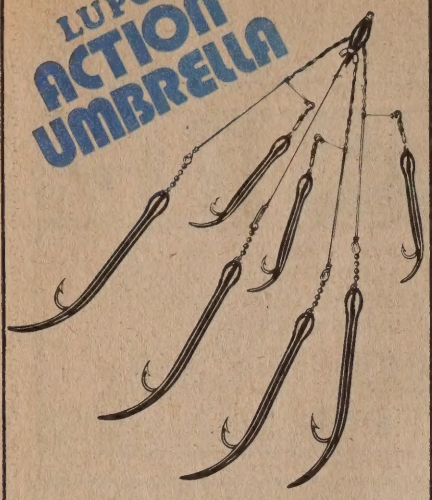

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Mixed sizes of fluke have been taken off Ocean Beacn and the Lighthouse, with killies working best.

Vito at **South Bay Fishing Station** says there are lots of weaks up to 3 pounds about 1 mile southwest of the Brown's River jetty on squid on a hi-lo rig and also on a shrimp jig tipped with squid strip. Skates and kingfish are there also. The weaks should remain in this area advises Vito, until the first October storms. Crabs and snappers are also very plentiful just about everywhere in the area. Mixed bags of fluke with some keepers which are in the same area, are hitting killies and squid.

CAPTREE

Faces are all smiling on the Captree docks as both the fluke and the bluefishing took a radical change for the better during the week. Whereas last week the boats were running all the way to Sea Bright for a decent catch of blues, this week the choppers movers to Fire Island and the boats from points west are now traveling to Fire Island for their fish. After weeks on end of small and short fluke, things have busted wide open for jumbo fluke ranging from 3 to 9½ pounds for the average at the Fire Island Reef and local wrecks. An occasional 10 pounder comes in, but every day sees 6 or 7 fish 7 lbs. or more and the average fluke are running in the 3 to 5 lb. category. Loads of seabass are also mixed in with the fluke, many small fish but often quite a few of the humpback class. Best bait is the squid and killie combo or strip baits cut from a bergall. End of the ebb tide seems to produce a little better. Good bluefishing on the night trips in only 80 feet of water east southeast of the Fire Island Lighthouse. The fish are all sizes, from 3 to 12 and 14 pounders. Depending upon the amount of fishermen aboard, catches are running from 100 to 200 fish nightly.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the **Lady Ann** confirmed the excellent fluking outside at the Fire Island Reef. On Sunday Warren Lechler of Huntington Station was high hook with 14 fluke 3 to 7 lbs. and 5 seabass. The fish have been biting all day but seem to be a little hungrier in the afternoon. Best baits are strips of seabass of smelts. The bluefishing on Saturday's night trip was excellent with 300 blues 4 to 16 lbs. coming over the rails. The fish are in close and are a much bigger run of fish. The **Capt. Joseph IV** took 350 choppers Saturday night. Most of the action is east of Cherry Grove in 90 feet of water.

The **Captain Ben Litwin** also told us of the fluke action outside. On Sunday 3 fish over 6 lbs. were taken and the pooler was a 6 lb. 8 oz. doormat. Forty people took over 150 keepers. Mrs. Litwin was aboard on Sunday and took a bonus bluefish of 8 lbs. 4 oz. that kept her busy for a while when it grabbed her fluke bait. Best bait at this time is sandeels and squid combos. Loads of seabass are mixed in with the fluke.

Capt. Bauer of the **Captain Whittaker** said that it was a fairly decent week for fluke offshore. On Saturday, 10 fish went over 7 lbs. and a 10 pounder took the pool. Each fisherman is taking 4 to 10 keeper fluke and some small seabass each trip. Sunday was a little rough so fishing was limited to the bay wehre 3 to 5 keepers perman were taken amongst the many throwbacks. Poolfish topped 5 lbs and the best tide is the last of the flood. Killies, sandeels or fluke belly all are producing.

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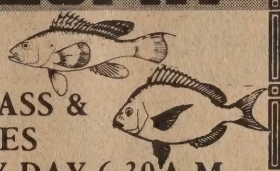

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Speedy V reported that the night bluefishing has improved 100 percent since last week. The schools are thick from Ocean Beach to Cherry Grove in only 65 to 90 feet of water. Nightly catches run from 200 to 300 blues 5 to 10 pounds with the pool fish from 14 to 17 pounds. A few green bonito are also mixed in with the blues.

Captain Bob Patafio of the **Yankee** called us to say that the bluefishing ha been good south of Fire Island Inlet in 70 to 75 feet of water and east all the way down to Cherry Grove. Nights have been better than days, but both are very good and steadily improving. Six to 10 pound fish predominate the catch, but 3 to 5 pounders are at Cherry Grove. Saturday was very good for big fluke on the Fire Island Reef.

Local sharpie Bill Loesch dropped in to tell us of the improved action at Democrat Point. Plenty of good size fluke are being taken from the beach in the cut off Democrat. Some bluefish, weakfish and a few striped bass are scattered and moving around the area at dusk.

Noel at the **Captree Pier Bait Station** informs us that fluke, flounder, and snappers are being taken from the piers on all tides. The overlook pier is particularly good for flounder. Small blues are being trolled and casted too in the inlet with tubes, spoons, Hopkins and Krockodiles being effective.

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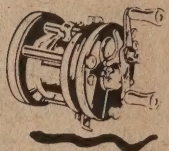

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BABYLON

Charlie's Fishing Station reports crabs, crabs, crabs, and more crabs by any and all methods. Scooping with a net is best at Crab City. For the location of Crab City stop in and see Charlie or his son. In addition, the crabs are in general all over the place. The fluking is a one keeper out of 3 fish proposition, with the East West Channel, Fox Creek and State Channel producing best on incoming water on sand eels and squid. Also, lots of seabass to 1¼ pounds hitting the squid on fluke rigs.

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports the best fluking right now is off the Lighthouse and the Coast Guard Station. An 8½ pound weakfish was taken by an unidentified angler at the Coast Guard Station on Saturday on squid on a fluke rig. Anglers Al Laranzetta and Long Island Press columnist Frank keating were boating 8-10 pound bluefish in 85 feet of water while chumming off Cherry Grove over this past week. Tuna and blues in general were off last week. Lots of snappers and crabs and even a few blowfish off the town dock.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Tackle Shop informs us that things have been slow this past week offshore due to a tremendous amount of bait in the water and elevated sea water temperatures. The squid and anchovies are super abundant and free

This is the catch of the Bent-Rod Fishing Club of Flushing on a recent trip aboard the "Lucky Strike III".

for the taking by the offshore species. Inshore the snappers and crabs are virtually all over the place, specifically the inlet, town beaches, and State Channel for snappers on shiners. Crabs are super abundant on the Copaigue flats and the Lindenhurst flats and Captree bridge. For best results try scooping them at night, with lights of course. All quiet on the bass scene. Bluefish to 10 pounds are being chummed with butterfish bait off Ocean Beach and Cherry Grove. Weaks are good in the inlet on tins and squid on a hi-lo rig at all tides. Small blues, likewise. Fluke have now seemed to go down in quantity as well as in size, though keepers up to 19 " have been picked outside of the Fire Island Inlet.

Surfside III Bait and Tackle reports that the **Moby D** had 35 blues on Saturday, and the same on Sunday in 85 feet of water south of the Lighthouse while chumming. Small blues are in the inlet with morning and evenings best, casting tins and bucktails. Snappers and crabs await you off the docks.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports that Mike Miller of Amityville on Sunday in 130 feet of water in the late afternoon took several blue and brown sharks in addition to a few football tuna. Aside from this chumming activity, not too much was accomplished by private boats going offshore. Mike was chumming southeast of the inlet with bunker chum and spearing. There are some weakfish from Democrat Point to the pound nets, while trolling pink Sekora tubes in 30 feet of water. They are running 6-8 pounds. Fluking is fair from the lighthouse and Four Corners area on sandeels and killies. Excellent snapper and crab action from Squaw Iland, east. High water temperatures should alleviate soon, resulting in a general improved fishing picture.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle reports snappers all over the place, docks and bars, bay and inlet on spearing, Sidewinders, Johnson Sprites and Krocodiles. Loads of fluke on all tides with enough keepers to feed the family, with killies, squid and sandeels and spearing doing their thing. Crabs are hot in the canals, from the docks and on the flats. Weaks are there to be had on sandworms fished 3 feet off the bottom on a 3 foot leader at the third Wantagh bridge, fishing 1 hour each side of either slack. These are 6½ pound class fish.

Salice Boat Basin informs us that lots of fluke are around and even some keeper fish all the way from Short Beach to Four Corners on all tides, with sandeels and killies. Some harbor blues are being plugged and bucktailed in the early morning hours at the second and third Wantagh Bridges and at the top of the tide stripers of the schoolie class are being popped and bucktailed as well. Small snappers abound.

David Mahler and his father caught this 35 lb. striper on Saturday June 21, while trolling spoons off of the Pink Hotel in 30 feet of water. Subscriber Club Photo.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports fluking slowed considerably last week as far as keeper fish went. One notable exception was steady Ed Pretakewicz of Flushing who got 40 keepers on Saturday trolling killies against the incoming tide in Ned's Creek, Broad Creek, Swift Creek and Sloop Channel. Ed fishes two rods, holding one and one dead. The dead rod actually gets more fish. Weakfish have slowed. Five bass were taken Saturday morning in the State Channel in Zach's Bay by clam chummers.

This 297 lb. blue shark was caught by Capt. John W. Clark while fishing off Montauk Point aboard his boat White Capsil. The shark was weighed in at Star Island Yacht Club and was the largest shark brought into the club to date.

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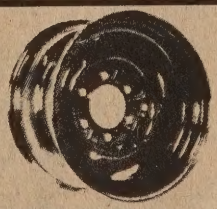

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Fluke fishing on the **Aloma II** has been great all week. The weekend was no exception as shown by the 10 lb. 3 oz. fluke caught by Bill Fondulas of Glen Oaks.

Starstream II reports tough blue fishing over the weekend. The fish seem to be biting just as it is time to head for home. Small blues were jigged on Saturday. Sunday saw an improvement in that 5 to 10 lb. blues were caught on bait.

Miss Freeport, captained by Capt. Johnny Abbatachio, continues to have good success fishing the wrecks for fluke.

The Capt Lou II is another of the sucessful boats fishing for fluke on wrecks. Saturday and Sunday saw many good sized fluke being taken from these wrecks. This was also the fishing during the week.

After a tough Saturday the **Capt. Al** came in loaded with bluefish on Sunday.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports lots of fluke at Funday, Loop bridge area and Jones Inlet on sandeels, killies and squid, though lots of the fish are midgets and must be returned to the water. The most keepers per boat this past weekend was 6 fish, with an occasional big fluke. Plenty of snappers around for those who want them. There is presently $44 in Anthony's August fluke pool contest, with a 2 pound 14½ oz. fluke presently in the lead.

Roy at **Mako Marina** tells us that

Capt. H. Snider caught this 720 lb. Tiger shark which took 5½ hours to get in. Photo courtesy of Mako Marina.

Tony Frotzheim on the "Misty" fished the Canyon and boated 500 lbs. of tile fish. Gene Krakower on Sunday hooked and landed a 674 pound Tiger shark fishing E/S/E of the inlet in 140 feet of water. It took an hour and ½ to land this brute and she measured 11 feet 11 inches. Just the jaw is being mounted. Captain Jim Lanzarotta on the **Nite Owl** had a charter out on Sunday over an offshore wreck and boated slightly over 1000 pounds of cod, all fish between 25-40 pounds. Anglers in the "Half-Mine" bagged 8 fluke over 5 pounds at the artificial reefs offshore of East Rockaway inlet. This is roughly 50 feet of water.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Brand X** reports the bluefishing has been an up and down proposition. Saturday was tough while Friday and Sunday the blues were up to 12 lbs. responding to chum.

Ed's Fishing Station reports very good fluke fishing in Jones Inlet, Reynolds Channel and Sea Dog Creek. The fluke are hitting most baits but the last half of the incoming and first half of the outgoing tides. Snappers are in fairly good and will take either lures such as a Sidewinder of spearing bait.

ISLAND PARK

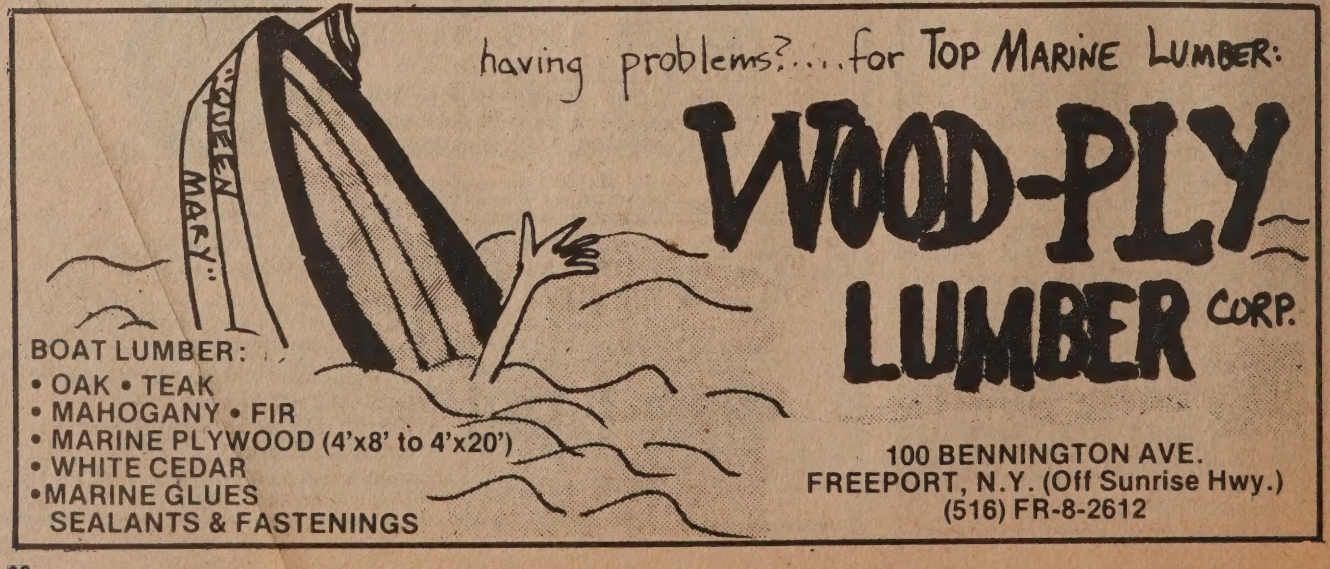
The open boat **Commodore** reports continues good fluking. The Tin Can Grounds and Ambrose yield plenty of keeper fluke. A good quantity of 3-5 lbs fluke come aboard with the pool fish around 8 lbs. The skiffs fishing out of the station are catching weakfish by the hospital area. Capt. Clem says they seem to want a worn on a high hook. Snappers are in solid and quite a good body of bay porgies are around. Fluke in mixed sizes are around the channels.

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook reports weakfish being trolled off Rockaway Playland. Coat hanger rigs with small Clark spoons or the Bingle Flex-tail does the trick. The same rigs are also good for the striped bass that moved into the bar area of Jones Inlet this past week.

LONG BEACH

Capt. John Glasser of the **Skipper** reports picky bluefishing. On Saturday Ambrose ridge was good early Saturday and no good on Sunday. Also on Saturday and Sunday the "Rattlesnake" was fished and a few 10-15 lb blues responded to chum. A move to Sea Bright also was slim picking even though they stayed late.

Jim at **Long Beach Sports Marina**



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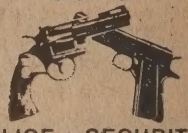

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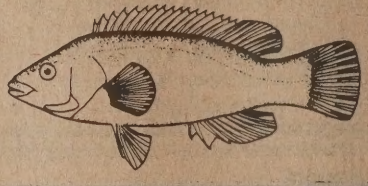

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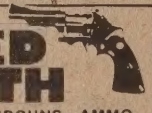

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reports steady fluke fishing. No spectacular catches of large fluke but just plenty of nice sized fluke with much much fewer throwbacks. At eh Rockaways weakfish are being taken on sandworms. Use a long leader about 3 foot off the bottom. Snapper blues have moved into the bay and blues of 3 to 4 lbs are around buoy 3.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Fluke as good as ever reports Leon at **Henning's Fishing Station.** They are not all keepers and you have to weed out the sizes but most baits work. Bluefish were about 1½ miles off the beach all week long but the weather change moved them out. Closer in about 25-30 feet of water there are weakfish at Atlantic Beach and the Rockaways. Artificial shrimp or small white bucktail both tipped with squid are good lures. Small snappers are in pretty good.

Raymond Azzato with a 122 lb. sting ray he caught aboard Capt. Bill's boat the "Royal Flush". Subscriber Club Photo.

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John Cameron at the **Yellow Shed Bait and Tackle** said the snappers are in. Fluke fishing is pretty good at the Nova Scotia bar to Plum Beach. The fluke are hitting on squid, sand eels or live killies. Some fishermen are doing a job on the weaks in the deep hole off Floyd Bennet Field. They go out at night and use a hi-lo rig with sand worm and squid. North Channel bridge still has blues to 5 lbs. taking bunker chunks. Blue claw crabs are in good supply.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

At present the fluke trips on the **Amberjack IV** are outfishing the blues according to Capt. Fred. Keepers on the fluke trips do not present any great problems as there are plenty of fish.

Capt. Huck of the **Helen H** reports slow bluefishing on Friday and Saturday although the nights were OK. Sea Bright, 17 Fathoms and the Farms are the best bets. The blues are mostly 2-5 lbs with an ocassional 16 lb. poolfish. These big pool fish show that the monster choppers are on their way.

Capt. Cannisi of the **Blue Sea II** reports bluefishing on the weekend was poor. The weekdays were very good with Friday one of the best. They had over 200 blues of 3 to 14 lbs. for 19 fares. They fished the Ambrose Tower Friday using chum.

The **Chief** reports pretty good fluke fishing this past week. The Ambrose Channel was fished in the morning before the tide ran too strong. A move was then made to Sea Bright where they could wind drift. Blue fishing has

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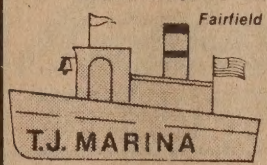

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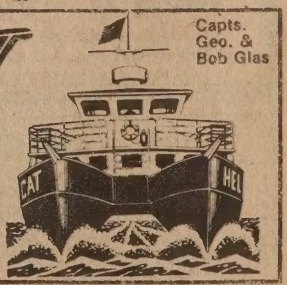

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Loads of fluke in Jamacia Bay according to George gnad at **Bay End Dock.** They are taking sandeels, spearing and squid with the incoming tide best. Small porgies are showing up and hitting worms and clams. Good trolling for blues and bass from Rockaway Point to the Tin Can Grounds. Use bucktails or umbrella rigs. Some bonita have shown there and were taking small spoons. Blue claw crabs are in, try using scoop nets at night with a light.

STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop reports striped bass still hitting at Penny Beach and Rosebank using worm. Fort Wadsworth to Bergen Beach have blues to 10 lbs. taken on bunker bait. Best from dead low to first couple of hours of the incoming. From Fort Wadsworth to Tattenville fluke are 50/50 keepers and snappers go from tiny to ¾ lb. and hit shiny lures or bait. Weaks from New Dorp beach on worms are

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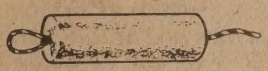

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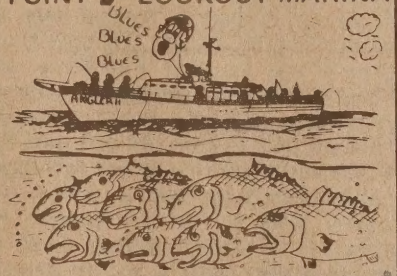

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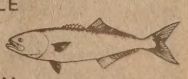
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5-5½ lbs. but no quantity. Princess Bay to Tottenville there are snapper blues and ocassional striped bass and weaks from the beach. The boat troller people are working the same area trolling green Bingle Bananas for 4-6 lb blues and 3-5 lb. weaks. From the Narows bell to the #21 can and Fort Wadsworth the area is hot for jiggers using a bucktail and a worm. Ask Lenny how to rig it. Chapel Hill Channel is hot on weaks. Troll the green Bingle Banana in the morning them go to the worm.

Karen and Scott Rudolf with some blues caught on a great days fishing aboard the Capt Hall out of Freeport. These two kids out fished everyone on the boat. Between the both of them they landed 35 blues up to 13 lbs. Subscriber Club Photo.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Art White's Bait Shop reports good weak fishing near the Greenport Jetty. They are taking sand worms or squid. Plenty of snappers are around. Plum Gut and between Old Silas rock and Gull Island the striper fishermen are taking them on yellow bucktails or bunker. The east side of Gardiners Island has loads of porgies. Some fluke are being taken on the bucktail fluke rig. The **Wilhelric** is really hauling in loads of fluke there.

SOUTHOLD

Peter Tieblein at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** said the porgies are in very heavy. These are not just sand porgies but many of 1 lb. South Ferry and east of buoy 17 is best. Plenty of striped bass in Plum Gut. Also on the east side of Plum Island the bass are hitting frozen bunker but fresh is best. At buoy 16 there are weaks taking squid or sand worms on a high hook. Blues are a hit or miss deal at buoy 17.

NEW SUFFOLK

Captain Marty's Fishing Station reports there are loads of porgies all over the bay. Offshore of the radio tower there were a lot of weaks of about 4 lbs. caught. Jess Chapman and party took 40 weaks and 95 porgies using sand worms. Kingfish and snappers are on the increase. A couple of blows came in.

JAMESPORT

Frank at **Jamesport Bait and Tackle** said there are blues to 11 lbs. being taken on bunker or mackerel chunks in the Sound. If you put a live snapper on a fish finder rig the blues grab it right away. Porgies are very good at Robins Island and buoy 22. These go to 2 lbs.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reports sand porgies were being caught in the bay. In about 60 feet of water the porgies were bigger. A few blues are being trolled along the beach. Some fluke have been taken on the outside using sand eels or squid. You must work for all these fish.

PORT JEFFERSON

Richie at **Port Jefferson Sport Shop**

said that his fishing contest is still wide open for blue or striped bass fishermen. Locally striped bass fishing has been quiet. The blues have been running in and out of the beach. Tides don't seem to be of any help as the blues are chasing bait. Trollers at Middle Grounds using umbrella rigs with Sekora tubes or Tri-Fin lures are picking some up to 8 lbs.

SMITHTOWN BAY

Smithtown Sports Shop reports blues of 3 to 5 lbs. being caught on Chrome Creek Chub poppers at the Lilco hot water discharge. Trolling 5 oz. Tri-Fin eels deep at the third fuel barge mooring buoy is also very good. At the Long Beach boat ramp and along the bay beaches there are loads of snappers. They are taking Johnson Sprites or Sidewinders.

NORTHPORT

Pete Nonellino of the **Jennie Three** reports there are blues to be had in the Sound. You have to work for them and they are deep.

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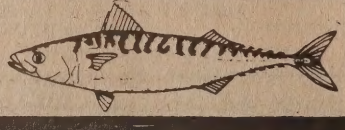

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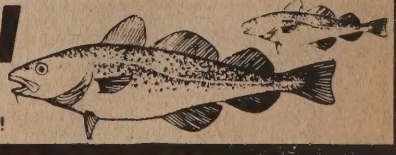

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morning and evening in Northport Bay. Huntington Bay also has them. Striped bass have been spotty and your best bet is bait fishing at Calahans. Porgies on worms throughout the area.

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Tony Martinello had an unusual catch for Eaton's Neck over the weekend. Fishing a bunker tail for bass or bluefish, Tony was surprised when a four pound fluke decided that the offering was just what the chef ordered. This was in 40 feet of water, and Tony wasn't sure how close to the bottom the bait was at the time. No bass or blues were taken but there was one pickup.

Capt. Don Constantine of the **Ever Ready Fleet** reports the bottom fishing is holding up very well. The porgies and weaks have moved to the cooler depths of the 50 feet of water. Blue are in and out of the harbor and coming in stronger. Last Thursday he had 6 fares on the 3-7 A.M. trop and they took 41 blues to 19 lbs. Some were 12-13 lbs. and most were 3-7 lbs. Randy Brady took the 19 pounder. The early morning 3 to 7 A.M. trips will now be Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** reports there are striped bass for the live bunker fisherman at Marshall Field. John Filippi of Mineola took a 35½ lb. from there last week. Bluefish of 7-12 lbs are taking line and chunk bunker at dawn in Lloyd Harbor and between Northport Harbor and Sand City. Wire line and bucktails in the rip off at Eaton's Neck has accounted for blues to 14 pounds and a few striped bass to 12 pounds. Blues are also being trolled deep at buoy 11B. Porgy fishing is very good at the deep hole off Centerport. They are around ½ pound. Snapper fishing is fantasitc.

BAYVILLE

The porgy fishing has improved from the past two weeks 98 percent according to Mike at **Pump's Park Fishing Station.** The Center Island Reef and buoy 15 at Lloyd Point are good spots. Blues came in Saturday and were working under the bunker at Cold Spring Harbor. These fish are 4-5 lbs. Smaller blues of 1-3 pounds are surfacing very early in the morning in front of the station asnd will hit anything thrown at them. The opening of the clamming grounds off the Center Island reef should bring a further improvement in the bottom fishing.

GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports** said the fishing is a repeat of last week. Blues of 4-5 pounds are showing up on top and hitting silner popping plug or anything that swims no deeper than three feet. From the beach the poppers are just so-so for striped bass. A 3 x 3 worm rig (3 ft leader, 3 ft. off bottom) used with a fish finder rig works wonders. Boat worm trollers are still doing very well. Snappers are everywhere and are about 8 inches now.

SUNKEN MEADOW

Joe Rapino, owner of **R and R Sporting Goods** in Commack was out bluefishing last Sunday with Buddies Mike DeMaio and Joe DeMaio on Mike's **Strawberry Hill.** The three anglers, using 5 oz. red Tri-Fins and fishing 30-50 feet of water off Sunken Meadow boated 28 blues from 4 to 7 pounds from 8:30 in the morning till noon. Wire outfished mono with a drail two to one.

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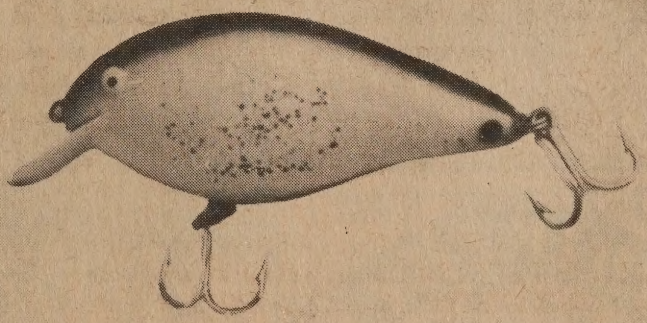

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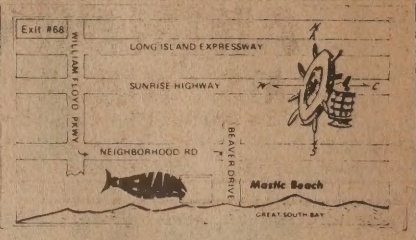

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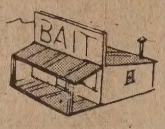

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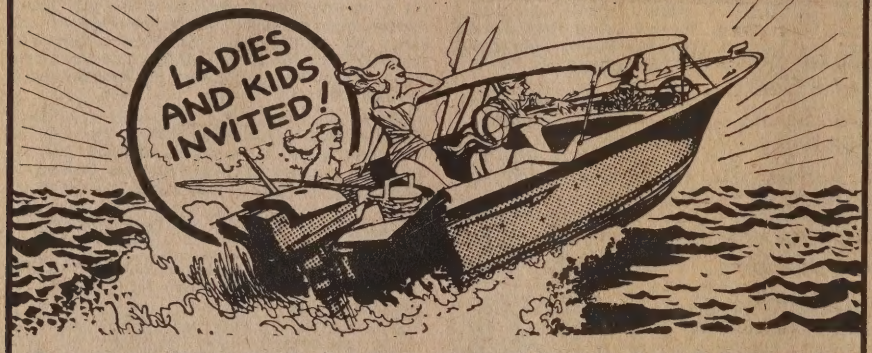

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Fluke action along the beaches has been fair to good for smaller fish. Doormat fluke are being taken by party and private boats fishing the stretch of water between Ambrose and Sandy Hook Channels. Bluefishing has been inconsistent with the Shrewsbury Rocks the best producers. Big weakfish are occasionally coming into chum slicks and will hit anchovies drifted in the bunker slicks, several as large as 13 pounds have been reported. Big weakfish are also available drifting sandworms in Chapel Hill channel.

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8/15 FRIDAY	2:53	3:31	4:50	5:18	7:17	7:43	6:31	6:58
8/16 SATURDAY	3:59	4:35	5:57	6:21	8:25	8:48	7:38	8:01
8/17 SUNDAY	5:04	5:35	6:59	7:17	9:23	9:45	8:39	8:58
8/18 MONDAY	6:06	6:27	7:51	8:07	10:17	10:35	9:34	9:53
8/19 TUESDAY	6:55	7:13	8:35	8:50	11:04	11:21	10:24	10:39
8/20 WEDNESDAY	7:37	7:53	9:15	9:29	11:46	11:59	11:07	11:22
8/21 THURSDAY	8:17	8:31	9:52	10:05	—	12:22	11:45	—

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet −0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". − 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
8/14	11:35	5:50	11:55	6:20
8/15		6:40	12:35	7:10
8/16	12:50	7:30	1:25	8:00
8/17	1:40	8:20	2:15	8:45
8/18	2:30	9:05	3:00	9:30
8/19	3:15	9:50	3:45	10:15
8/20	4:00	10:30	4:30	10:55
8/21	4:40	11:10	5:10	11:35

PHASES OF THE MOON

8-7	8-13	8-21	8-29
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8-6	6:02	8:09
8:12	6:07	8:02
8-18	6:13	7:54
8-24	6:19	7:46

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#2 Carl Fusaro, 52.1 lbs., Huntington
#3 Buddy Holmes, 51.10 lbs., Merrick Marine

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